

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 30

October 22, 2002

SUBJECT: DISARMING PSYCHOLOGICALLY IMPAIRED OFFICERS - REVISED

PURPOSE: The Department is legally and morally obligated to protect all persons when there is reason to believe an employee may pose a threat to his/her own safety or the safety of others. This may include the need to seize an officer's City-owned firearm(s) and/or prohibit an officer from carrying any firearm(s) as a peace officer.

This Order revises the procedure involving the seizure and return of a City-owned firearm.

PROCEDURE:

I. WEAPON SEIZURE/RETURN AUTHORITY APPROVAL - REVISED. The Chief of Police has the authority and is ultimately responsible for the seizing and/or returning of an officer's firearm. However, the Chief of Police has exercised this authority through the Commanding Officer, Personnel Division (Manual Section 3/840.30). This Order transfers the responsibility to the Commanding Officer, Human Resources Bureau(HRB). However, when the Commanding Officer, HRB, is not available, the Commanding Officer, Personnel Group, shall be contacted for advice and consent.

Note: In any emergency or where an officer may pose a threat to his/her own safety or the safety of others, a supervisor may immediately seize an officer's firearm(s). However, the Commanding Officer, HRB, shall be contacted as soon as possible for advice and consent regarding the continued deprivation of the firearm(s).

II. WEAPON RETURN PROCEDURE - REVISED. Prior to returning a seized City-owned firearm and permitting an officer to carry that or any other firearm(s), with authority as a peace officer, the officer's commanding officer shall obtain written approval from the Commanding Officer, HRB.

III. COMMANDING OFFICER, HUMAN RESOURCES BUREAU, RESPONSIBILITY. The Commanding Officer, HRB, prior to returning a seized City-owned firearm, shall make use of all available resources (i.e., Behavioral Science Services, Risk Management Group, and Medical Liaison

Section, etc.) to assess and determine whether the return of the City-owned firearm would be in the best interest of the officer and the Department.

AMENDMENTS: This Order amends Section 3/840.30 of the Department Manual.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: The Commanding Officer, HRB, shall monitor compliance with this directive in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.

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